Consumption of Industrial Alcohol

1591. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that consumption of industrial alochol in the country has considerably declined;

(b) if so, what is the comparative percentage of decline in the consumption of industrial alcohol during the last two years (till date) and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) with the present 'rate of consum ption of industrial alcohoi in the country what is the estimated stock likely to mount accumulate during the next six months or so and what are the possibilities of its consumption;

(d) whether Government have received any representation from alcohol manufacturers for grant of permission to export alcohol; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to export the surplus stock of industrial alcohoi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) the consumption of alcohol for industrial purposes declined by 8 per cent in the alcohoi year 1984-85 (Dec. 1984—Nov., 1985) and by 14 per cent in the alcohol year 1985-86 (Dec. 1965. Nov., 1986) as compared to the immediately preceding year due to various factors like strike, power cut, nonavailability of raw material etc. However, it is estimated to go up by 58 per cent in 1986-87 over 1985-86.

(c) The assessment of production and demand of alcohol for the next alcohol year 1987-88 (December. 1987-November, 1988) will be made by the Central Molasses Board at its next meeting which is likely to be held in January/February, 1988. Inter-State allocation will also be made at that time. As the distilleries only produce alcohol on the basis of estimated sales, there may not be much accumulation of alcohol with them and any estimation of such future stocks is not possible.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The All India Distillers' Association have been permitted to organise the export of 500 lakh litres of alcohol.

Revision of Tehri Dam design

1592. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHA-WAHA: SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet experts have confirmed the view of the Indian Scientists for the revision of the Tehri Dara design as it has not taken into account the high seismicity of the Tehri area;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Soviet Experts have carried out an appraisal of the design of the Tehri Rockfill Dam prepared earlier by the Tehri Dam Project engineers. The appraisal does not suggest any major changes in the design of the dam from the seismicity angle and considers it feasible to construct the project. Government is proceeding with the implementation of the project.

Import of Flucinolone Acetamide

1593. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Flucinolone Acetamide, Thioridazine Hcl, Olipizide, Tolnafate, Oxyfedrine Hcl